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WORKING PARTY ON REHABILITATION POLICIES AND SERVICES
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A WORKING PARTY TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF REHABILITATION POLICIES AND SERVICES.

THE DECISION TO CONDUCT SUCH A REVIEW WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE 1990-91 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE IS TO TAKE STOCK OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN DEVELOPING REHABILITATION POLICIES AND SERVICES SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE 1977 WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION - INTEGRATING THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY : A UNITED EFFORT," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE REVIEW WILL START NEXT MONTH AND THE AIM IS TO PUBLISH IN AUGUST THIS YEAR A GREEN PAPER SETTING OUT PROPOSALS FOR THE WAY AHEAD TO MEET THE REHABILITATION NEEDS OF HONG KONG INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND."

APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE WORKING PARTY WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE MR JOHN BUDGE, MR PETER CHAN FUK-SING, MISS VIRGINIA CHAN CHOI-YING, DR FANNY CHEUNG MUI-CHING, MR CHONG CHAN-YAU, DR YORK CHOW YAT-NGOK, MR NICHOLAS CRAWFORD, MISS MARION FANG SUM-SHUK, PROFESSOR RANCE LEE PUI-LEUNG, MR SIMON LEE KWOK-YIN, MR ERIC LI KA-CHEUNG, DR RAYMOND WU WAI-YUNG, DR DICKEN YUNG TAK-KUN, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SERVICES) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (YOUTH AND REHABILITATION) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT) OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FINANCE BRANCH.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY (REHABILITATION) OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH WILL BE THE SECRETARY.

AS REQUIRED BY ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, THE WORKING PARTY WILL FORMULATE PROPOSALS IN THE FORM OF A GREEN PAPER ON THE OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR DISABLED PERSONS, INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS AND TIME-FRAME FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSALS.

IT WILL ALSO REVIEW EXISTING LEGISLATION RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO DISABLED PERSONS AND CONSIDER HOW IT CAN STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTION OF THEIR RIGHTS.

IN UNDERTAKING ITS TASK, THE WORKING PARTY WILL REVIEW THE OVERALL AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF REHABILITATION POLICIES; EXAMINE THE SCOPE OF THE VARIOUS REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR DISABLED PERSONS; AND ENUNCIATE THE PRINCIPLES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF REHABILITATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

"IT WILL ALSO HAVE REGARD TO PAST EXPERIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL TRENDS.

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"IN ADDITION, IT WILL REALISTICALLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LIKELY MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, AND THE INEVITABLE NEED TO DETERMINE PRIORITIES.

"ALSO TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IS THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT EXISTING OR PROPOSED NEW SERVICES PROVIDE THE BEST VALUE FOR MONEY."

THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD EARLY NEXT MONTH.

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RETAILERS URGED TO STOP PROVISION OF FREE PLASTIC BAGS

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THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED MAJOR RETAILERS TO STOP ALTOGETHER PROVIDING FREE PLASTIC BAGS FOR THEIR MERCHANDISE TO HELP REDUCE THE EXCESSIVE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS.

OFFICIATING AT THE BODY SHOP PAPER-MAKING PROJECT, DR REED SAID: "INSTEAD, RETAILERS COULD OFFER RATHER LARGER AND MUCH MORE ROBUST PLASTIC BAGS AT SAY \$2 A TIME, SIDE BY SIDE WITH MORE PERMANENT REUSABLE BAGS, SUCH AS ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE AT ABOUT \$8 FROM AT LEAST ONE OF THE MAJOR SUPERMARKET CHAINS."

DR REED SAID THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE BY ORGANISING A MASS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO REDUCE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS.

EACH DAY, 15 MILLION PLASTIC BAGS ARE USED IN HONG KONG.

"A SCHEME LIKE THIS WILL NOT OF COURSE RID HONG KONG OF ALL PLASTIC BAGS," DR REED SAID, "BUT THE SCHEME I HAVE IN MIND COULD DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PLASTIC BAGS IN CIRCULATION, PERHAPS BY AS MUCH AS 50 TO 75 PER CENT.

"THOSE THAT ARE LEFT IN CIRCULATION WILL BE MUCH MORE VALUED AND THEREFORE LESS LIKELY TO BE CAST CARELESSLY UPON A DEFENCELESS ENVIRONMENT."

FOR THE SCHEME TO WORK, DR REED SAID MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE TO ADOPT DIFFERENT HABITS IN SMALL WAYS, AND TO CHANGE ATTITUDES.

"BUT I FEEL THAT THE GENERAL CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS IN HONG KONG INDICATES THAT MANY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS CUTTING DOWN OUR EXCESSIVE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS, WITH ALL THE BENEFITS THAT WOULD MEAN FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT," DR REED CONCLUDED.

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NEW TEACHING AND RESOURCE CENTRE TO OPEN IN HUNG HOM

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A NEW ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING AND RESOURCE CENTRE FOR TEACHERS WILL BE OPEN IN HUNG HOM, STARTING FROM MARCH 1.

THIS CENTRE, AT HOK YUEN STREET, WILL HOUSE THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE (KOWLOON) AND THE RELIGIOUS, ETHICAL AND SEX EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE.

OTHER CENTRES SUCH AS THE ACTIVITY APPROACH CENTRE, THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHING CENTRE, THE PRIMARY SOCIAL STUDIES AND HEALTH EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE AND THE SOCIAL SUBJECTS TEACHING CENTRE, CURRENTLY AT PAK FUK ROAD IN NORTH POINT, WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 21) AND MOVED TO THE NEW HUNG HOM PREMISES.

TO FACILITATE THE SETTING UP OF THE KOWLOON CENTRE, THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE, THE RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE AND THE SEX EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE WHICH ARE CURRENTLY AT PAK FUK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY TO FEBRUARY 28.

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MORE EVENTS OFFERED IN 1991 HK ARTS FESTIVAL

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THE 1991 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL OFFERS AUDIENCES WITH MORE EVENTS, HELD AT MORE PLACES THAN EVER BEFORE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TONIGHT (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING PERFORMANCE OF THE FESTIVAL, SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG THRIVED ON THE CREATIVITY AND INITIATIVE OF ITS PEOPLE AND THE ARTS HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN NURTURING THAT CREATIVITY, AS WELL AS IN PROVIDING PURE ENTERTAINMENT.

"THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL PROGRAMME PROMISES TO DO BOTH IN ABUNDANCE - FROM DRAMA TO JAZZ - FROM FLAMENCO TO CHAMBER MUSIC," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE QUALITY AND VARIETY OF HONG KONG'S CULTURAL LIFE HAD IMPROVED EVERY YEAR DURING THE PAST DECADE, WITH THE BUILDING OF IMPRESSIVE NEW THEATRES AND CONCERT HALLS AS WELL AS GROWING PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM FOR THE ARTS.

"ALL THIS NOW SUPPORTS A YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMME OF EVENTS," HE SAID, "BUT THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL REMAINS THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR CULTURAL CALENDAR."

SIR DAVID SAID MANY ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS HAD HELPED MAKE THE ARTS FESTIVAL POSSIBLE AND THAT HE PARTICULARLY WELCOMED THE STEADY GROWTH IN BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP.

"THIS SHOWS THAT MORE AND MORE BUSINESSES IN HONG KONG RECOGNISE THE VALUE OF ENRICHING THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY OF WHICH THEY ARE PART," HE SAID.

/SIR DAVID

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE FESTIVAL BROUGHT TOGETHER OVER A THOUSAND PERFORMERS BOTH FROM HONG KONG AND FROM 14 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

"ABOVE ALL, WE HAVE THE ARTISTS TO THANK," HE SAID. "THEIR ART AND THEIR TALENT WILL MAKE THIS A FESTIVAL TO REMEMBER."

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ACTING RS PAYS TRIBUTE TO FESTIVAL ORGANISERS

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THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SPONSORS AND ORGANISERS OF THE 1990 YAU TSIM DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

AT A DINNER RECEPTION TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THE FESTIVAL, MR FUNG ALSO PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO THE REPRESENTATIVES.

IN A BRIEF SPEECH, MR FUNG STRESSED THAT LOCAL GROUPS HAD SPARED NO EFFORTS IN PROMOTING RECREATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES OVER THE YEARS.

"TAKE THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR EXAMPLE. A WIDE VARIETY OF VERY MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES WERE ARRANGED WITH THE THEME 'BUILDING YAU TSIM FOR A BETTER HONG KONG'.

"THESE INCLUDED A LARGE-SCALE POP CONCERT WHICH WAS BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING; THE 'GOOD CITIZEN IMPLEMENTATION FORUM' WHICH PROMOTED CIVIC EDUCATION; THE FAMILY DAY AT WU KAI SHA WHICH PREACHED HARMONIOUS FAMILY LIFE; AND THE 'TOMORROW YAU TSIM EXHIBITION' WHICH INTRODUCED THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THESE EVENTS HAD, ON ONE HAND, PROVIDED A CHANCE FOR MASS PARTICIPATION, AND ON THE OTHER, AROUSED RESIDENTS' CONCERN TOWARDS DISTRICT AFFAIRS, ENCOURAGING THEM TO EITHER PARTICIPATE IN OR IMPROVE ON ALL KINDS OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

"IN COMMUNITY BUILDING THEY HAVE WORKED FOR A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN OTHER AFFAIRS OF HONG KONG SO THAT THE DISTRICT AND THE TERRITORY WOULD GROW HAND IN HAND IN PROSPERITY AND STABILITY IN THE COMING DECADES;" MR FUNG CONCLUDED.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH INCLUDED OVER 50 FUNCTIONS FROM LAST NOVEMBER, COST MORE THAN \$1.4 MILLION OF WHICH \$660,000 CAME FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REST FROM PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP.

ALSO PRESENT AT TONIGHT'S DINNER WERE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; AND THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHIU YU-HEI.

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DISTRIBUTION OF FIGHT CRIME SOUVENIRS

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SOUVENIRS BEARING FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO MONG KOK RESIDENTS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING.

MEMBERS OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR MARTIN LEE, WILL DISTRIBUTE THEM AT THREE BUSY AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TOKENS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY OUTSIDE THE GRAND TOWER HOTEL IN NATHAN ROAD; AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET; AND OUTSIDE THE BANK CENTRE IN NELSON STREET.

THIS IS IN SUPPORT OF THE SPECIAL PUBLICITY DRIVE LAUNCHED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

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FIGHT CRIME RALLY IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT TOMORROW

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A FIGHT CRIME RALLY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE SOCCER PITCHES NEAR THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

THE RALLY IS ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) TO ENCOURAGE CIVILIAN SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

THERE WILL BE A HOST OF ACTIVITIES WITH VARIOUS FIGHT CRIME THEMES, INCLUDING AN EXHIBITION, A QUIZ, STALL GAMES, TELEMATCHES AND A KARAOKE CORNER.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE TREATED TO A VARIETY SHOW THAT COMPRISES A DRAMA AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES BY A CHILDREN'S CHOIR, A SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AND A POPULAR DISC JOCKEY.

OFFICIATING AT THE RALLY'S OPENING WILL BE THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR IAN STRACHAN; SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; WESTERN DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR R.C. TOAL; AND DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN YAU-YUE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIGHT CRIME RALLY IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE SOCCER PITCHES NEAR ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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